The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

1.   (Currently Amended) In a browser/server environment, a method for bootstrapping a user database associated with ~~an~~ <u>a web</u> application from an application server, comprising:

<u>generating a user registration page request by a user of the web application and forwarding the user page request to the application server;</u>

<u>by the application server, embedding security registration data requirements in the user page request and forwarding the user page request to a user registration page of the web application;</u>

<u>by the user registration page of the web application, merging the security registration data requirements from the application server with user profile registration requirements of the web application to form a user information request page;</u>

~~forming a user information request page by the application;~~

sending the user information request page <u>from the web application</u> to [[a]] <u>the</u> user;

returning a filled out user information request page to a pass through server target on the application server;

extracting security data from the filled out user information page by the application server; and

bootstrapping a user account<u>, for the web application,</u> in the user database by the application server based upon the extracted security data.

2.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

forwarding the filled out user information request page to the <u>web</u> application by the application server.

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3.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the application server makes available a set of user security requirements to the **web** application that define security data required to bootstrap the user account in the user database.

4.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the **web** application includes a success target and a failure target, wherein the success target provides a success destination when the bootstrapping is successful, and wherein the failure target provides a failure destination when the bootstrapping is unsuccessful.

5.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the success destination is a success URL and wherein the failure destination is a failure URL.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the forwarding the filled out user information page to the **web** application comprises:
    forwarding a subset of the security data and the collected user profile data.

8.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, further comprising:
    extracting the collected user profile data from the forwarded filled out user information page.

9.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the collected user profile data is stored in a user profile database.

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10. (Currently Amended) In a browser/server environment, an apparatus for bootstrapping a user database associated with [[an]] a web application from an application server, comprising:

a means for generating a user registration page request by a user of the web application and forwarding the user page request to the application server;

a means for, by the application server, embedding security registration data requirements in the user page request and forwarding the user page request to a user registration page of the web application;

a means for, by the user registration page of the web application, merging the security registration data requirements from the application server with user profile registration requirements of the web application to form a user information request page;

a means for forming a user information request page by the application;

a means for sending the user information request page from the web application to [[a]] the user;

a means for returning a filled out user information request page to the application server;

a means for extracting security data from the filled out user information page by the application server; and

a means for bootstrapping a user account, for the web application, in the user database by the application server based upon the extracted security data.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 10, further comprising:

a means for forwarding the filled out user information request page to the web application.

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12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the application server makes available a set of user security requirements to the **web** application that define security data required to bootstrap the user account in the user database.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the **web** application includes a success target and a failure target, wherein the success target provides a success destination when the bootstrapping is successful, and wherein the failure target provides a failure destination when the bootstrapping is unsuccessful.

14. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein the success destination is a success URL and wherein the failure destination is a failure URL.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 11, wherein the forwarding the filled out user information page to the **web** application comprises:

forwarding a subset of the security data and the collected user profile data.

17. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

extracting the collected user profile data from the forwarded filled out user information page.

18. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein the collected user profile data is stored in a user profile database.

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19. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for enabling a computing system to bootstrap a user database associated with [[an]] <u>a web</u> application from an application server, the computer program product in a browser/server environment, comprising:

<u>computer code for generating a user registration page request by a user of the web application and forwarding the user page request to the application server;</u>

<u>computer code for, by the application server, embedding security registration data requirements in the user page request and forwarding the user page request to a user registration page of the web application;</u>

<u>computer code for, by the user registration page of the web application, merging the security registration data requirements from the application server with user profile registration requirements of the web application to form a user information request page;</u>

~~a means for forming a user information request page by the application;~~

computer code for sending the user information request page <u>from the web application</u> to [[a]] <u>the</u> user;

computer code for returning a filled out user information request page to the application server;

computer code for extracting security data from the filled out user information page by the application server;

computer code for bootstrapping a user account in the user database by the application server based upon the extracted security data; and

a computer readable medium for storing the computer program product.

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